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### State Modifications to Omicron Surge Policies

As COVID-19 conditions continue to improve across California and the Omicron surge subsides, temporary measures the state had put in place will expire in the coming weeks.

COVID-19 cases and the rate of community transmission have steadily decreased statewide since early January, and hospitalizations are either plateauing or declining in most regions of the state. Since California's peak during the Omicron surge, the state has experienced a 65% decrease in case rates.

Additional visitation requirements that took effect on January 7 for long-term care facilities and hospitals will expire today. Definitions for indoor and outdoor mega events will return to pre-surge guidance (from 500 to 1,000 attendees for indoor events, and 5,000 to 10,000 attendees for outdoor events) after February 15. The indoor masking requirement will expire after February 15 reverting to the previous guidance which requires masking for unvaccinated individuals in all indoor public settings and required masking for all individuals regardless of vaccination status in higher risk settings like public transit and congregate living. Workplaces will continue to follow the COVID-19 prevention standards set by CalOSHA.

Plumas County will follow suit and terminate the current mask order in place by the Plumas County Health Officer after February 15, 2022, reverting to the state's previous guidance. Again, this requires masking for unvaccinated individuals in all indoor public settings and required masking for all individuals regardless of vaccination status in higher risk settings.

The state is continuing to work with education, public health and community leaders to update masking requirements at schools to adapt to changing conditions and ensure the safety of kids, teachers, and staff.

Additional adjustments to the state's policies will be shared in the coming week.

For the complete press release please visit the CDPH's news page here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR22-027.aspx>

Vaccination remains the best way to avoid developing severe COVID-19 and spreading the infection to others. Vaccines are readily available in Plumas County at all pharmacies, Eastern Plumas Health Care, Plumas District Hospital, Seneca Healthcare District and Plumas County Public Health Clinic.

For more information go to county website <https://www.plumascounty.us/2839/COVID-19-Home>